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1. A train of 5 boxcars and about 30 flatcars loaded with pontoons, bridge-building equipment and trucks, [redacted] was unloaded at Templin (N 54/U 81) railroad station on 16 August. About 80 to 100 soldiers were observed with the material. The troops left toward Camp Kannenburg. Trucks [redacted] from the camp helped to haul the equipment. (1) 50X1-HUM
2. The troops in Camp Kannenburg were alerted on 24 August. They subsequently held a field exercise which lasted until 2 a.m. on 25 August. The personnel of the komendantura in Templin participated in the exercise. The loading ramps in Templin and Zehdenick were being reconditioned and reinforced. Residents of Lychen stated that the 280 German nurses there were gradually being replaced by Soviet nurses.
3. Small-scale field exercises were still conducted near the camps in the Templin training area from 24 August to 6 September. No large-scale maneuvers were noticed. Tanks were seen almost daily fording the Havel River. [redacted] the first troops would not leave the training area before the end of September or the beginning of October. [redacted] the large maneuvers would begin soon. [redacted] the maneuver exercise would be a break-through from a pocket. Engineer units were seen in Burgwall constructing makeshift bridges from trees from the area. After constructing a landing stage and one or two bridge sections on trestles, the troops discontinued the construction. Local residents stated that another trestle bridge spanning the whole river was constructed at Kannenburg and not removed afterwards. (2) 50X1-HUM
4. Eight trucks carrying pontoons, 1 motorboat, 1 repair shop truck and 1 sedan were unloaded at Zehdenick railroad station during the night of 20 August and left toward Marienthal. (3) Tank trucks [redacted] were refueled from a train of 29 tank cars which arrived on the same day. Six JS tanks [redacted] were detrained at the Zehdenick railroad station on 29 August. (4) Supply vehicles seen in the training area

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5. Gunfire was heard from the Templin training area daily after 4 p.m. during the period from 13 to 25 August. [redacted] artillery pieces were heard at a time. Six prime movers, each carrying about 10 soldiers and towing a 76-mm AT gun, were proceeding through Neuhoef toward the Lurzwall Forestry office on 15 August. They were followed by truck [redacted]. On 22 August, three T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen fording the Havel River south of Burgwall. The tanks drove into the river at a fairly high speed. Except for the upper section of the turret, they were submerged in the middle of the river. The hatch cover was open and a soldier stood in the turret. The exhaust pipe was extended by means of a metal or rubber hose led over a wooden frame work. One of the tanks stalled in the river and was towed to the bank by another tank. Numerous officers and NCOs witnessed the fording practices. [redacted] such practices were being held often, allegedly also at night when searchlights lit the river. The bottom of the Havel River at the fording point was of gravel. (2) 50X1-HUM
6. A train observed at the Templin railroad station on 15 August consisted of about 30 cars loaded with trucks and pontoons. [redacted] Another train of 8 boxcars and 30 gondola cars with tracks, artillery pieces and T-34 tanks [redacted] was unloaded at the Zehdenick railroad station on 26 August. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
7. A train carrying about 20 artillery pieces and motor vehicles [redacted] stood on the Templin railroad station on 2 August. (6) Another train of 20 cars was loaded with trucks [redacted] light and medium AA guns at the Zehdenick railroad station on 31 August. It departed toward Loewenberg. (7) 50X1-HUM
8. A train which passed through Loewenberg on 9 September, heading north, consisted of 50 cars carrying mortars and trucks [redacted] and 10 boxcars occupied by troops. (8) [redacted] 50X1-HUM
9. No large-scale field exercises were noticed in the Templin training area prior to 3 September. (2) 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] Comments. 50X1-HUM
- (1) Vehicles of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, the 25th Tank Div and the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were engaged in the unloading of the engineer shipment. 50X1-HUM
- (2) [redacted] no large-scale field exercises were conducted at the troop training grounds prior to 3 September 1951. Tanks fording the Havel River by means of a pipe in the turret hatch and an exhaust hose [redacted] The vehicles [redacted] belong to headquarters units and the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, and to the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div. 50X1-HUM
- (3) Upon retraining, the engineer unit and the rocket launcher unit moved toward Camp Vogelsang.
- (4) The train of tank cars was drained by vehicles of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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- (5) [] the first train carried a headquarters engineer unit of the Fourth Gds Meez Army. [] a train which, [] carried a component of the same unit went to Langerhuette on 21 August 1951. [] The vehicles on the train unloaded on 26 August also belonged to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Meez Army. 50X1-HUM
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- (6) The train probably came from Jueterbog, [] a train leaving Jueterbog for Templin on 29 August 1951. 50X1-HUM
- (7) Probably the train with AF artillery troops [] left Lehdnick for Jueterbog on 31 August 1951. 50X1-HUM
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- (8) [] a train was loaded with elements of the 234th Mort Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div in Fuerstenberg on 2 September 1951 and departed toward Neustrelitz. [] 50X1-HUM
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